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SUBJECT- AUGUST 1 NOON PRESS BRIEFING ON REPORTED
NEGOTIATIONS FOR PRISONER SWAP

REF; VIENNA 6918 NOTAL

1. IN THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING ON AUGUST 1 THE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN HAD NO COMMENT ON THE REPORT BY REUTERS (REFTEL
AND REUTERS' CITE NUMBER RO11, DATED AUGUST 1, FROM VIENNA)
THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A PRISONER SWAP FOR
ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY. TRANSCRIPT OF THE RELEVANT PART OF
THE BRIEFING IS AS FOLLOWS:

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2. "Q. IS THE ADMINISTRATION NOW ENGAGED IN ACTIVE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS TO ARRANGE FOR THE RELEASE
OF SHCHARANSKIY? -- -

3. "A. I HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER ON THAT. I DON'T THINK
THAT ANY COMMENT I WOULD MAKE WOULD BE USEFUL IN A SITUA-

LIKE THIS, OR ANY SIMILAR SITUATION..."

4. "Q. HODDING, I THINK AT THE TIME OF THE BONN SUMMIT
THERE WERE STORIES THAT CAME OUT AT THAT TIME THAT THE
UNITED STATES WOULD PRESS FOR SOME KIND OF EXCHANGE

INVOLVING SHCHARANSKIY. CAN ONE ASSUME THAT THE UNITED
STATES SINCE THAT TIME HAS BEEN PRESSING TOWARDS THAT
AIM?

5. "A. I REALLY COULDN'T COMMENT ON THOSE STORIES
OR ON THE POSSIBILITY OF WHAT WE'RE DOING." VANCE

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